

CAFB international students fly first solo

Maj. Chuck Boothe
14th Operation Support Squadron

The first international students from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-08 soloed the T-37 Tweet as part of the Aviation Leadership Program recently.

First Lt. Damian Castro, from the Dominican Republic, got soaked in the 41st Flying Training Squadron’s dunk tank by his classmates as part of the solo tradition.

“In the Dominican Republic, we do not have the tradition of being dunked into the tank,” Lieutenant Castro said.

Soloing in the T-37 was a new experience for some of the students.

“It’s amazing how quiet it is in the jet without an instructor,” Lieutenant Castro said.

Second Lt. David Alvarez, from Honduras, agrees but had to work a little harder to get to the first goal of soloing.

“I had been struggling a little with prioritization in the cockpit and even placed on the Commander’s Awareness Program, but the instructors were so patient and eager to teach that I overcame it,” Lieutenant Alvarez said.

Nothing compares to soloing a jet by yourself, Lieutenant Alvarez said.

The students are enrolled in the Aviation Leadership Program, a recently revamped program offering flying training scholarships to individuals from more than 50 nations around the world.

The program, which takes nine months to complete, allows students to fly more than 170 hours in the T-37 at Air Force pilot training bases.

“Each student is held to the same standards as the American students,” said Maj. Jason Mills, 41st FTS Dolittle flight commander. “There are some additional hours set aside for language difficulties, but the three students I have now are progressing very well.”

Flight commanders are faced with new unique problems dealing with these students.

“It is a challenge because I have 14 U.S. students in the normal SUPT syllabus,” Major Mills said. “Additionally I have three ALP students. Very often we have to do some creative scheduling and shuffling to ensure both missions get done at once.”

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2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Airman 1st Class Michael Matteo, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, shows James Stuart, “Pilot For a Day,” a crash truck on the flightline. First Lt. George Garzon, 37th Flying Training Squadron, resurrected the program for sick children.

CAFB grants wish to young pilot

2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Public affairs

A 10-year-old boy from West Point, Miss. spent the day realizing his dream of becoming an Air Force pilot at Columbus AFB March 27.

James Stuart, who suffers from hypo-plastic left heart syndrome — a debilitating heart disorder — was the first child to become a wish recipient under the recently resurrected “Pilot for a Day” program.

Efforts to reinvigorate the program began when 1st Lt George Garzon, 37th Flying Training Squadron, returned from pilot instructor training at Randolph AFB, Texas, where the program is currently thriving.

“It took about a year of planning

and organizing to cut through the red tape and get the program back in working order,” Lieutenant Garzon said. “Everything is now in place to allow us to provide this opportunity for sick children on a regular basis.”

Wearing a flight suit specially ordered for his 4-foot, 2-inch frame, James and his parents began the day with a mission brief in host squadron 37th FTS. After receiving a patch, scarf and coin from Lt. Col. Anthony Smith, 37th FTS commander, James visited the fire station and security forces for tours that included spraying water from the crash truck and an official fingerprinting session.

The young pilot’s next stop was the flightline where a full compliment of Columbus AFB training jets were

painted in his honor and Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, provided a personal tour of the T-1 cockpit.

After lunch at the Columbus Club, James, a reptile enthusiast, paid a brief visit to the 50th FTS mascot before finishing out the afternoon in a T-37 simulator.

At the end of the day, Nancy Stuart, James’ mother, expressed her appreciation for everyone involved in the program and said her son was thrilled and exhausted and would “definitely sleep well after such a full day of activities.”

In fact, said Ms. Stuart, “I’ll bet he falls asleep tonight still wearing his flight suit and patches and a great big smile.”

48th FTS Alleycat spouses get bird’s eye view

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

Several spouses from the 48th Flying Training Squadron took to the air, flying in T-1 Jayhawks for the Alleycat spouse flights March 21.

“My husband comes home everyday and talks about what he does as a pilot, but it is hard to visualize,” said Liz Callahan. “Flying in the T-1 allowed me to see what he does.”

Our objective was to give the spouses an opportunity to see firsthand what their husbands or wives do on a daily basis, according to 1st Lt. Matt Stewart, 48th FTS instructor pilot and event coordinator.

“We are allowed to fly our spouses, unlike the T-37 and T-38 squadrons because we are non-ejection seat aircraft,” Lieutenant Stewart said.

Flying in ejection seat aircraft requires special training and approval.

The spouses came to the 48th FTS in the early afternoon and attended briefings covering the squadron’s history, rules, and most importantly, safety in the aircraft.

All the spouses piled on to the blue bus bound for the T-1s on the flight line. Once there, they received more detailed instructions on what actions are required during emergency situations.

Then, the day’s real purpose began and all the airplanes took off in formation. Each spouse was able to sit in the jump seat immediately behind the aircraft pilots.

“The view from the jump seat was phe-



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Maj. Sean Daugherty, 48th Flying Training Squadron, shows Liz Callahan how to operate communications control box in a T-1.

nomenal,” Ms. Callahan said. “I always thought my husband took off and flew somewhere, landed and then returned. But after flying in the T-1, I’ve come to realize there is much more to pilot training. They are con-

stantly on the radios talking, running through checklists and trying to think one-step ahead of the jet.”

The flight plans included simulated aerial refuels and formation maneuvers, but after

the T-1s landed safely back in Columbus, a similar thought ran through the minds of many of the spouses.

“It was truly an enlightening experience,” Ms. Callahan said.

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After the solo flights, the students have more challenges ahead.

Among these challenges are their first checkrides, which will happen within two weeks after a solo flight.

Followed by other checkrides the ALP students will stay in the T-37.

They will also progress into advance contact, navigation, instruments and formation phases of training.

The rest of SUPT Class 03-08 will track select.

Columbus AFB expects 30 ALP students before the year’s end from some vastly different countries.

“It is an honor for us to be here training with American students,” said 2nd Lt. Daniel Dimitrov, from Bulgaria.

“The training we are receiving is outstanding,” said Lieutenant Dimitrov.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Second Lt. Daniel Dimitrov, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-08, gets thrown into the dunk tank by classmates after his first solo flight.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Columbus AFB Enlisted Spouses Club announces the winners of the 2002-2003 Scholastic Achievement Awards.

The winners are:

Joshua Fenster, Columbus High School senior
Andrea Davis, Columbus High School senior
Lakeisha Johnson, University of Southern Mississippi student
Congratulations to the recipients and their families.



NEWS BRIEFS

Garage sale

Columbus AFB thrift store monthly garage sale is Saturday. The thrift store is open from 8 to 11 a.m.

Mosquito spraying

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron's entomology section has begun mosquito fogging in the family housing areas. Foggings are done at dusk Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The 14th CES is using Permanone — prescribed for use for the control of insect pests in residential and recreational areas.

Avoid contact with the fog because repeated contact with the skin may cause allergic reactions in some individuals. If a person comes in contact with the spray, wash the skin with warm soapy water.

Residents who suffer from asthma or other breathing difficulties should take precaution and remain indoors during spraying.

If possible, step indoors when the applicator vehicle approaches their area and remain indoors until it passes.

Parents should remind their children not to play near or behind the applicator truck, and walk away from the applicator, preferably going indoors until the spray dissipated.

For more information, call Ext. 7341.

Yellow ribbons

Housing and dormitory occupants are encouraged to show their support with ribbons and patriotic decorating.

Ribbons and other decorations should be attractively displayed and secured tightly. Decorations can't be permanently attached to government property, including trees and shrubbery.

For more information, call the housing flight at Ext. 2840.



Capt. Lex Cloutier, 48th Flying Training Squadron, and 2nd Lt. Shawn Reynolds, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-09, check aircraft forms at Golden Triangle Regional Airport.

T-1 trainers resume flying at GTRA

2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Public affairs

Columbus AFB T-1 trainers resumed flying at Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus on Mar. 28 after a temporary halt in operations.

The weeklong hiatus occurred when two air traffic controllers manning the temporary control tower were recalled to their original unit at Tinker AFB, Okla.

In order to remedy the situation, Columbus AFB requested permission from the Federal Aviation Administration to provide its own controllers, and jets were transferred back to GTRA last Thursday to recommence flying the following morning.

"The FAA gave us the go ahead to resume operations and after two days of initial training for our personnel, we resumed full-up operations," said Lt. Col. David Eastman, 14th

Operations Support Squadron commander. "This capability allows us to fly multiple aircraft into and out of GTRA on a daily basis and has relieved some of the stresses we face due to closure of one of our three runways."

GTRA General Manager Nick Ardillo, former Columbus AFB wing commander, said this type of agreement between an Air Force training base and a commercial airport is a first for Mississippi and possibly the nation.

The unprecedented partnership began in February when the T-37 runway closed for repair, and should continue until construction is completed in July.

"We hardly notice a difference conducting sorties out of GTRA, yet it's a nice change of scenery from flying out of Columbus," said Capt. Lex Cloutier, 48th FTS assistant flight commander. "Good planning has made this an easy transition for the squadron."

Most commercial airlines change luggage weight limits

SCOTT AFB, Ill. — Most major airlines have changed their checked baggage policy concerning weight limits and excess charges for luggage on domestic flights, according to Air Mobility Command transportation officials.

"The carriers will continue to accept luggage up to 100 pounds per piece but significant fees will be charged after luggage exceeds their weight limits," said John Lundebey, a traffic management specialist with Air Mobility Command headquarters. "Most airlines allow two pieces of luggage, 50 pounds maximum each, to be checked

free of charge. Bags exceeding 50 pounds, but less than 70 pounds, will be assessed an excess-baggage fee, normally around \$25 per bag.

Bags between 70 and 100 pounds will be charged additional fees, normally around \$80 per bag. Bags weighing over 100 pounds will not be accepted."

"The airlines do offer waivers to allow military personnel on orders to check luggage that weighs over the limit, but not to exceed 70 pounds, without paying an additional charge," said Mr. Lundebey. "But each airline has its own rules on what will be

accepted without an additional charge."

The waivers do not apply to family members or to Defense Department civilians, even if they are on official travel, and do not apply to servicemembers on leisure travel.

Carriers with domestic flights, including Northwest Airlines, American Airlines, United Airlines and Delta Airlines have already put new policies into effect.

Continental Airlines has announced they will make changes to their policy April 15.

"The best advice I can give travelers is to check with the airlines on the weight restric-

tions before traveling, either through the carrier's Web site or by calling their toll-free number," said Mr. Lundebey.

Ticket agents and local traffic management offices can access each carrier's baggage rules and waivers through their computer reservation system.

"If you think your checked bags will exceed 50 pounds each, make sure you have excess baggage authorized (on) your official orders," he said. "Travel pay will not reimburse you for excess baggage fees unless you have this authorization." (Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service.)

Driving in cars with drunks — bad idea

Lt. Col. David Eastman
14th OSS commander



OBITUARY: Little 8-year-old Johnny was killed today when a drunk driver lost control of his vehicle in the base housing area and plowed through Johnny's front yard, where moments before Johnny had been playing with his toys. Airman Little, Senior Airman Small and Airman 1st Class Tiny, friends of the driver were also in the vehicle, but didn't think to ask the driver if he'd been drinking when they left the club.

They weren't hurt, nor was the driver, but Johnny wasn't so lucky. What did Johnny's future hold? Did he have the cure for cancer? Maybe he was going to be an astronaut, or maybe he was going to grow up and be a hot dog sales man?

Luckily, we are going to find out what Johnny's future has in store for him. What you just read was just the headlines of what could have happened but didn't. This story turned out differently because the incident in

question ended with a trip to the security forces holding facility, a driving under the influence charge, the loss of a stripe and the humiliation of letting your team down.

We are reminded time and time again about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol. Unfortunately, the warnings aren't being heeded. As the commander of the 14th Operations Support Squadron, I've had to deal with four alcohol-related vehicle incidents (three DUIs) in the past six months and none of them should have happened.

We all know it's ultimately the responsibility of the driver not to get behind the wheel when he/she has had too much to drink, but what about the "friends" who threw the party or got in the car with him/her? Are they responsible? Should they be? After a recent DUI in the OSS, I directed the driver and the three passengers to write me a paragraph or two about that night and the possible consequences of their decisions. Here's what they had to say:

Driver: The night of the Feb. 28 I learned a valuable lesson that changed my views on alcohol. I made a simple decision to drive. I did not take into consideration the harm I was placing on my three close friends and myself. I convinced my friends I was sober

enough to drive, but I wasn't.

I was spending a routine Friday night at the enlisted club. A friend and I had walked over from the dorms and did not have plans on driving anywhere else that night. I started drinking around 5:30 p.m. and had stopped around 11 p.m. I know now that it does not matter how many drinks you have or what time you stop drinking. If you have even one drink, don't drive at all. I had stopped drinking for more than two hours when we left the club. I seemed fine to everyone including myself. I was not fine and should never have been behind the wheel.

Once we got to base housing, I thought it would be cool to drive up on the island in the middle of the cul-de-sac and pull into the driveway straight on. If I had been sober I never even would have thought about doing something that stupid.

I don't know if the cops had been following me or they were just sitting at the Columbus Club watching, but right after I got out of the truck the blue lights were flashing. I knew I was in trouble.

At 2:30 a.m. March 1 they handcuffed me and brought me in for suspicion of driving drunk.

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STRAIGHT TALK LINE

Question: I know that with the operational readiness inspection everyone has been busy, but I was wondering when the baby/infant swings are going to be replaced at Freedom Park.

One swing has been missing for at least a year, and the other baby/infant swing has been missing since the fall.

This is my daughter's favorite part of the park, and with some of the days warming I would like to be able to use them again.

Thank you for your time.

Answer: Sorry about the infant swings at Freedom Park. They were removed in the fall of 2002 because they were possible safety hazards.

Replacements have been ordered that meet National Playground Safety Institute criteria. One swing will be handicap accessible. Swings should be in place by Tuesday. Thanks for your concern and please continue to use Freedom Park with your daughter. Let me know what else we can do to make it better.

Col. Steve Schmidt

14th Flying Training Wing commander

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the BLAZEWEB at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



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By 3:30 a.m. I had taken the breathalyzer test and blew .152, close to double the legal limit. Now I was being charged with a DUI.

If I knew now what I knew then I never would have taken a chance with my life and the life of others. I have embarrassed my squadron, supervisor, friends and myself. The commander has issued me an Article 15, and I am awaiting my punishment. I am very grateful that nobody was injured or killed by my actions. I believe I have learned a lot from this experience and I hope that others will be able to learn from it without having to experience the guilt and humiliation that I feel.

Passenger 1: The morning of March 1 I made a decision that could have ended my career or even worse my life — I got in the car with a drunk driver. I don’t think all the details or events leading up to that night are important except for that one moment right before I got in the car. Not once, did myself, or the other two passengers question the driver to see if he was okay to drive. Not once did we think about what might happen to us or what we might have done to somebody else.

As I sat in the police station all I could think about were the people I had let down; my first sergeant, my supervisor, and most of all the driver of the vehicle. He was not the only one to blame — all four of us were responsible for what happened that night.

I can’t tell you that drinking is wrong, but you must drink responsibly and watch out for those around you. I can’t go back and change the decision I made that night but I hope that others will learn from my mistake and make the right decision when they are in the same situation.

Passenger 2: It is everybody’s responsibility to ensure everyone is being safe when you are out drinking. There is a lack of teamwork and unity when you let an individual get behind the wheel after drinking, or even worse, getting into the vehicle with a person who has their judgment impaired. No one wants to tell a family their loved one is not coming home

again because of one stupid decision.

I feel very strongly about this because I made the decision to get into a vehicle after a night of drinking with someone who was intoxicated as well. I now realize how that could have completely changed my life and the lives of my family and friends. I am not saying you should not go out and drink and have a good time with your friends, you just need to have a plan before you go out. Be sure you have someone there looking out for you and do the same for other people. Think before you act, and think about all of the people’s lives that could be affected from one bad decision you make.

Passenger 3: All through your younger years you always hear not to drink and drive and not to get into a car with someone who has. Like most things in life we take this piece of information for granted. When I hear about someone getting into trouble for drinking and driving, all I can think is what an idiot.

Why would anyone drink and drive, just walk or get a ride from someone? And what would drive someone to get into a car with someone who has been drinking. When I got into the car that night to get a ride, that lesson that was engraved into my brain for some many years somehow just disappeared.

The thought never occurred to me that we could get hurt, or worse yet, hurt someone else. Not only to endanger your life, but the lives of all those who are out on the road that night. You can be told a million times not to drink and drive and not to get into a car with someone who has been, but when the time comes and the moment arises for you to make that fateful decision, somehow your train of thought just becomes blurred.

I’ve heard horror stories of people getting killed and killing others while driving intoxicated. And there are always the stories of everyone dying but the driver. I don’t know what to tell you to try and help you out when the moment comes.

All I can say is don’t do it, don’t put your life on the line for a ride. Just suck it up and walk or call a friend.

This is one of the lessons that no one should have to learn the hard way. There’s no need to try and risk it, and if the thought does cross your mind, and you think, “Oh we’ll be all right just this once,” — you won’t be. There’s a million other ways to get home other than drinking and driving or getting a ride from someone who has been. There’s no such thing as a good drunk driver. I don’t care who you are and how much you can take down. There’s no excuse for driving drunk, there’s no excuse for riding with someone who had been drinking. All I can say is don’t do it, don’t push the envelope.

— Of the DUIs I’ve recently dealt with, none of the individuals thought they were drunk. Most of us that drink, including myself, don’t plan on drinking and driving. As a matter of fact, we usually give some very serious thought to the decision to get behind the wheel after we’ve had a few drinks.

Unfortunately we end up playing the very dangerous game of am I or aren’t I “legally” intoxicated (you know I’m right), and this is a game that none of us should ever play. So many of us try to take it right to the “edge,” and convince ourselves nothing could happen, but it can, and it does. I suggest it’s time to quit pushing the envelope. Don’t try to find out how close you can get to that “line” without crossing it. It’s not worth your life or the lives of your friends.

This incident, and others like it can, and should be avoided. You don’t have to get in the car with someone who’s been drinking, and more importantly you don’t have to let him or her drive.

We have too many options available to us and should never feel the best option is to just “go for it.” We’re a pretty tight team of professionals here at CAFB, let’s quit letting our teammates down; stop them from driving whenever there’s a doubt. Next time, it might be your little Johnny playing in the front yard when the guy that thought he could win that game comes careening around the corner and into your front yard. Is it worth it? Could you have stopped it? Let’s do a better job of looking out for one and other.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:30 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“*Deliver Us From Eva*” (R, sex related dialogue, 105 min.)

Starring Kate Hudson.

Saturday

“*Jungle Book 2*” (G, 78 min.)

Animated.

The theater begins renovations Monday and will be closed until further notice. For more information, call the shoppette at 434-6026.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

**Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.**
Air Force Television News
**Monday through March 28
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.**
*College Level Examination
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Mathematics

FAMILY
SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Deployment briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held at 9 a.m. Thursdays.
For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman.

Videophones: Videophones are available for family members of deployed, TDY or remote military.

Teaching briefing: An information workshop for people interested in learning to become a teacher is from 1 to 3 p.m. April 17 at the education center. The event gives information on how to become certified as a teacher.

Representatives from Mississippi University for Women, Americorps and Mississippi Troops to Teachers are at the workshop. For more information, call the family support center or Luther Turner at Ext. 2565.

Spouse employment: The spouse employment initiative program is an eight-week Microsoft Office environment computer course designed for integration of Microsoft programs. Class is from 6 to 9 p.m. April 29 and continues Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information or to register, call the family support center.

Children and war: The family support center offers their services to help parents explain war and deployments to their children.

Stop by the FSC to pick up complete packages to help make children less confused.

BASE
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Theme activities: The family advocacy office and life skills support flight have a display at the exchange today to



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Say ... meow

Anne Rogers, base veterinarian, checks Christy’s ears. The veterinarian clinic reopens for normal business Monday. The clinic hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to sell products and make appointments and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays to see patients and sell products. Call Ext. 2281.

commemorate April as Month of the Military Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Youth Violence Prevention Month. The 14th Security Forces will be fingerprinting children. The display is up from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 2197.

Inhalant seminar: The life skills support center sponsors a seminar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 11 at the Columbus Club to help educate people on the harms of inhalants.

The guest speaker is Tammy Prescott, Lowdnes County Sheriff’s Department.

Attendees will learn about signs, symptoms, local community risk, common modes of administration, common products abused as inhalants, potential long-term affects and damage. For more information, call Ext. 2353.

Thrift store: The thrift store is now taking spring and summer items for consignment one hour before shop closes.

The shop is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 434-2954.

Spouse briefing: A spouse aircraft briefing begins at 7 p.m. April 15 at the Phillips Auditorium. The briefing covers different lifestyles associated with differ-

ent airframes and assignment locations. The briefings are given by spouses of the 14th Operations Group’s instructor pilots. It is geared toward spouses of student pilots. For more information on the briefing, call Patricia Speights at Ext. 7158.

Change of command: The 14th Medical Operations Squadron’s change of command is at 9 a.m. April 23 at the wing ceremonial plaza.

Lt. Col. Harvey Kelley will be relinquishing command to Lt. Col. Kathryn Hall.

Volunteers needed: The Company Grade Officer Council needs volunteers May 2 and May 3 at the Market Street Festival in downtown Columbus.

For more information or to volunteer, call 2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore at Ext. 7073.

Law day: The 14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office announces activities for Law Day 2003. Law Day is May 1, and this year the theme is “In Pursuit of Peace.” Activities include a Law Day Art Contest for grades 1 to 8. Entries are due not later than 5 p.m. April 25. Complete rules may be obtained at the legal office. For more information, call Ext. 7034 or email charissa.pipes@columbus.af.mil. Additional activities will be announced at a later date.

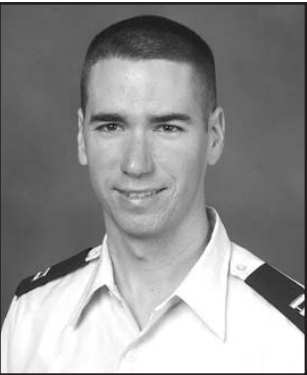


T-1A Jayhawk

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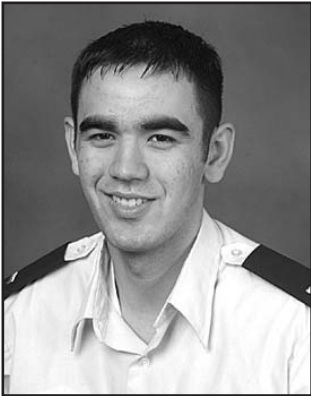
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B-1, Dyess AFB, Texas

SUPT Class 03-07 earns silver wings

Twenty officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-07 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Gen. Donald Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander.

General Cook is responsible for the recruiting, training and education of Air Force people. His command includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces and Air University. Air Education and Training Command consists of 13 bases, more than 66,000 active-duty members and 15,000 civilians.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Ryan Garlow, T-1, and Ryan McLain, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented 2nd Lts. James Goeppinger, T-38, and Matthew Niendorf, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Garlow and McLain were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency

procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

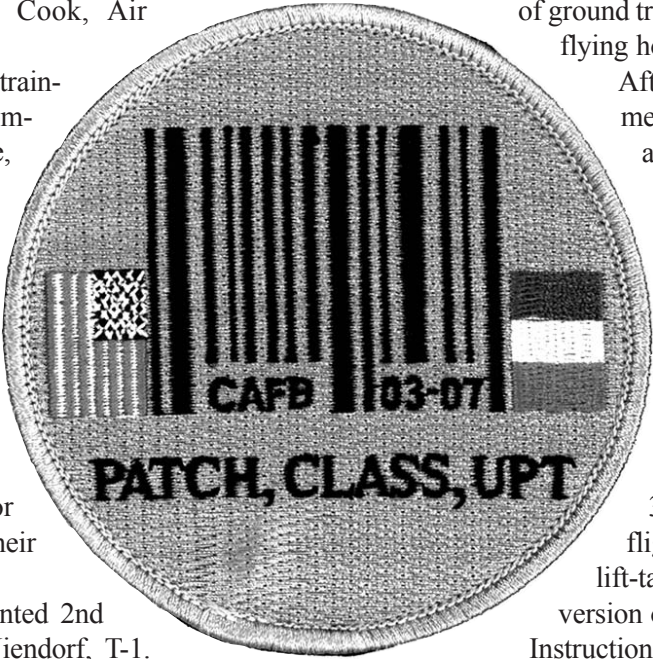
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are CJ's Pizza and the General Nutrition Center.)*



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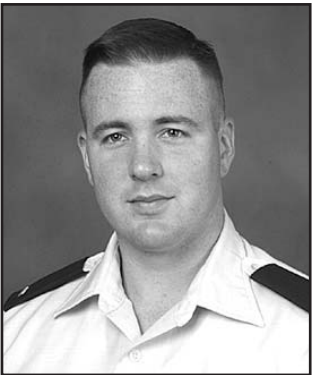
T-38 Talon



2nd Lt. Shawn Betterly
Island Lake, Ill.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Jason Cobb
Boise, Idaho (ANG)
A-10, Boise, Idaho



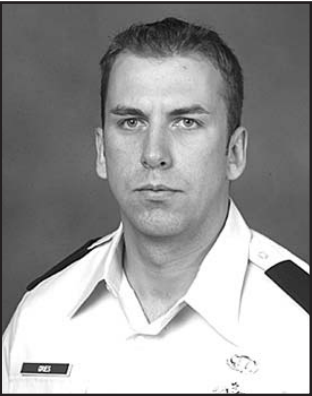
2nd Lt. Christopher Collins
Collingswood, N.J.
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



2nd Lt. Ryan Garlow
Niceville, Fla.
KC-135, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.



2nd Lt. James Goeppinger
Rockdale, Texas
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Christopher Gries
Boise, Idaho (ANG)
C-130, Boise, Idaho

Services offers recreational choices for base people

American Cafe open: The Columbus Club's American Cafe opens from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 60 numbers or less. Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Call Ext. 2489.

Variety night: Disc jockey Kool Kleve offers variety sounds starting at 9 p.m. tonight at the enlisted lounge.

Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$10.95 and club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

National library week: In celebration of National Library Week, Sunday through April 12, the base library is conducting a library history trivia contest. Contest is open to all base people. Each day during National Library Week there will be a question. All entry questions and answers must be in by close of business April 11. Call Ext. 2934.

Kids Kamp 2003: Registration begins Monday for this program at the youth center for children ages 5 to 12. A \$10 per week deposit is required the day of registration. Weekly fees are based on family income. Call Ext. 2504.

Youth photography contest: The youth center offers a photography contest April 14 to April 18. Deadline for submitting entries is April 12. Judging will be based on four age groups from ages 5 to 18 in the following categories: color process, black and white process, alternative process, digital and photo essay. Call Ext. 2504.

Annual spring fling: The spring fling is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 12 at Freedom Park. Egg hunts begin at 10 a.m. in the following age groups: 1 to 2, 3 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 10 and 11 and older. Other activities include game booths, bouncy castle, youth skill demonstrations, special activities, food booths, face painting, hat making and the Easter Bunny, Sparky and McGruff will

make an appearance. All activities are free except for the food items. Call Ext. 2504.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip April 18 to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss. Cost is \$15 per person, and it includes transportation and \$15 in coins. The bus departs at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 2:30 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

Teen dance: The youth center offers a teen dance from 8 to 11 p.m. April 18. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. A preteen dance is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. April 26. Call Ext. 2504.

Dinner theater: "Play it Again Sam," a dinner theater is April 19 at the Columbus Club. The play is a comedy about the nerdy film critic's obsession with Humphrey Bogart. Cost is \$25 for club members and \$30 for nonmembers.

Tickets on sale at the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 2489.

Beale Street music festival: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Memphis, Tenn. Beale Street music festival May 2 to May 4. The festival features all types of music to include blues, rock, gospel, rhythm and blues, soul and alternative.

Cost is \$125 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging (double occupancy). Tickets to the music festival are sold separately. A \$50 deposit is required when registering. Limited seating is available. Call Ext. 7858.

Canton flea market: In May and October of every year, the city of Canton, Miss., closes down for one of the largest flea markets and crafts fair in this region. The day will be filled with crafts, vendors, specialty item vendors and foods of all sorts. The next one is May 8 and the information, ticket and travel office is offering this trip for \$20 per person which includes transportation. Call Ext. 7858 for a reservation.

Preteen lock-in: Registration ends April 28 for this all-night event for ages 9 to 12. Cost is \$10 and includes midnight meal, snacks, breakfast, movies, games, music and many other activities throughout the night. Lock-in starts at 9 p.m. May 17 and ends at 7 a.m. the next morning. Call Ext. 2504.



Pam Wickham

Putting it in

Brad Magers lines up his shot for a long putt. The Whispering Pines Golf Course annual golf memberships, locker and handicap fees are due this month. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — \$7.95 per person — Club members receive \$2 discount — Cost includes vegetable, tossed salad and beverage — Ala carte menu also available

Today Fried catfish Popcorn shrimp Banana pudding	Monday Fried chicken Meat loaf Peach cobbler	Tuesday Fajitas Burritos Apple crispitos
Wednesday Stuffed peppers Spaghetti Apple crispitos	Thursday Soup, salad and potato bar	

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not resubmit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

AROUND TOWN

Fiesta: International Fiesta hosted by Mississippi State University's foreign students is at 10 a.m. Saturday on the MSU drill field, next to the student union.

Food, music, dance and costumes from over 30 nations will be featured. Free admission, everyone welcome.

Streetcar Productions: Final performances of "Just South of Broadway" at Streetcar Productions in East Columbus' Gateway Shopping Center are today and April 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. with \$35 tickets covering the show and a full dinner.

(Military discounts offered.) A Sunday dessert matinee April 6 is \$20. Advance reservations requested; call 240-1832.

Performance: The First Assembly of God presents the 10th annual "The Cross and the Crown" at 7 p.m. April 11 and April 12 and at 6 p.m. April 13.

The is no admission fee. For more information, call 328-6374.

Pilgrimage: The Columbus Pilgrimage continues today through April 13 with tours of 20 pre-civil war homes.

Highlights include octagonal White Arches and homey Amzi Love — owned by the same family for seven generations. Candlelit evening tours of Temple Heights, Alden Hall and Magnolia Hill are 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday and April 12.

Chattanooga Star cruises featuring Riverboat John are daily on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Details on all Pilgrimage events are at 800-920-3533 or 328-0222, www.historic-columbus.org or www.columbus-mississippi.org. Tickets are available at outdoor

recreation. Call Ext. 2504.

Tales: Tales from the Crypt, a haunting graveyard tour, is from 7 to 10 p.m. today, Monday, Wednesday and April 11 at old Friendship Cemetery on 4th Avenue South. Tickets are available at the cemetery.

Green thumbs: Growing season is here and Mississippi State University's extension service offers a toll-free horticulture hotline, at 888-920-4678 to help gardeners get lawns under control and plant beautiful gardens.

14th OSS takes 14th Comm Squad off line, 68-55

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

The 14th Operations Support Squadron reroutes the 14th Communication Squadron 68-55 making them the 2003 Intramural Basketball Champions.

“With only six players, the 14th OSS ran us as they should have,” said Robert Hamilton, 14th CS player.

Both teams had solid plans to win the game. The 14th OSS already had the lead by having no losses in the double-elimination playoffs. Whereas the 14th CS had to win two games back to back in order to be crowned champions.

The 14th OSS had twice the number of players as the 14th CS, and they only had one thought on their minds. “We’re going to run ‘em and gun ‘em and keep the ball moving,” said Winfred White, 14th OSS coach. “We’re not even going to entertain the thought of playing two games tonight.”

Height was the 14th CS main advantage, so they played man-to-man coverage.

“We’ll man up and put full court pressure and have no dumb fouls,” said Lawrence Lee, 14th CS coach.

The 14th CS felt the pressure when the 14th OSS ran the ball down their throats and using their speed to get the ball to the bucket. The 14th OSS lead the game into the first timeout, 18-16.

During the timeout both teams gathered their thoughts.

“Set up the defense,” Lee said. “We need to bring the ball to the hoop.”

“If [the 14th CS] beats us on the court we need to lose,” White said. “If you get tired I’ll replace ya.”

Both teams turned up the juice and doubled their score to have Lee ending the half with a mid-court three-point shot making the score 37-33 with 14th CS behind.

The 14th OSS had a solid strategy and put up consistent points on the board and kept players fresh.

The 14th CS re-evaluated their plans to overtake the game.

“We played a poor man to man coverage with no help



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Charlie Saddler, 14th Operations Support Squadron, pushes his way past Adam Link, 14th Communications Squadron.

down the middle.” Lee said. We’ll start with a zone defense because a couple of the players have two or more fouls.

The 14th OSS came out consistent but the 14th CS exploded with Hamilton leading the pack.

The CS tied the score with 16 minutes left into the second half.

The teams went toe-to-toe, stepping up defense keep-

In celebration of the month of the military child, the bowling center offers a family bowling and food special for \$3.50 which includes a hot dog, fries, small soda, one game of bowling and shoe rental during open bowling. Additional hot dogs are \$1 each and additional games are \$1 each. Also available for families only — bowl two games and get a coupon for one free game. Call Ext. 2426.

ing the score to a minimum. However the 14th CS could not keep up the pace and with five minutes left in the half the 14th OSS put a quick 10 unanswered points. The game ended with two 14th CS players fouled out and the 14th OSS taking the championship.

“The teams were well matched,” said Pamela Brown, game scorekeeper. “The 14th OSS stuck it out and they went home with the trophy.”

SHORTS

Thursday scrambles

Thursday scrambles begin Thursday at the golf course. Scrambles begin at 4:45 p.m. Must be registered by 4 p.m. Computer selects the teams based on handicaps. Entry is \$5 per play plus greens fees. Beginners are welcome. Call Ext. 7932.

Adult golf clinic

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers an adult golf clinic starting at 9 a.m. April 12 for beginners only. Class will work on the fundamentals of the golf swing and lasts approximately one hour. Cost is \$5 per person. Call Ext. 7932.

Egg Hunt Fun Run/Walk

Take in a 1.5-mile walk or a 5K run at 11a.m. April 18 at the fitness center. Eggs are hidden along the way with a prize card inside. Prizes are given at the end of the race.

Children in strollers are welcome to come along. Call Ext. 2773.

No-tap bowling

The next no-tap bowling with a spin is April 18.

Sign up by 6:45 p.m., and the games begin at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person. Bowling expertise not required.

Call Ext. 2426.

Bowling specials

Summer leagues

Registration for summer bowling leagues is open. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

Soccer standings				The following are the intramural league standings as of Sunday.
Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	
Green	4	0	0	
Red	2	2	0	
Gray	2	2	0	
Gold	1	2	1	
Blue	0	3	1	

Bowling standings	Team	Wins	Losses
The following are the intramural Thursday league standings as of March 20.	Misfits	152	64
	Strokin	134	82
	14th OSS	120	96
	SFS #1	100	116
	48th FTS	94	122
	SFS #2	32	184